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In re Application of

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For: INFORMATION FILTERING METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PREFERENTIALLY TAKING OUT INFORMATION HAVING A HIGH
NECESSITY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the attached application, please amend
the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 and substitute therefor the following new claims:

✓33. A metric learning apparatus which reflects, into a metric signal, a
relationship between a user's response to provided information and a keyword
attached to the information, the information including information data and one or
more keywords made up of a character stream and attached to the information

5 data, the apparatus comprising: